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**MS PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), is a Continuation application of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP02/05709 filed on June 7, 2002.

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For: FILTER ATTACHING APPARATUS

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of Twenty-two (22) pages
- ☒ Five (5) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority
- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a) based on Application No(s). 2001-174154 filed in Japan on June 8, 2001.
  - ☐ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
  - ☒ Certified copy(ies) will follow.

- ☒ Priority of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP02/05709 filed on June 7, 2002 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.
- ☒ Executed Declaration ☒ Original ☐ Photocopy
- ☒ An assignment of the invention
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 with reference(s)
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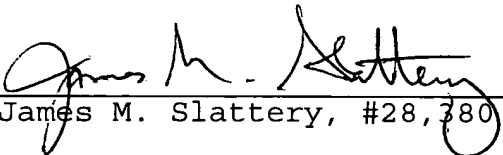
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